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MEYER RESIGNS

It was a good deal of a shock to the Executive Committee of the Conference Board of Directors when at their meeting on March 13 Rev. William W. Meyer announced his resignation from the post of Director of Christian Education. He had accepted a call to the First Congregational Church of Grand Junction, Colorado.

Mr. Meyer had served this Conference about seven years, coming to the position from the First Congregational Church of Fairfax. Prior to his taking over the responsibilities of this office, the Conference had the part-time service of Rev. Edwin T. Sherman. Mr. Meyer established headquarters at Plymouth House, which was furnished by the First Congregational Church of Berkeley. It will be utterly impossible to give an accurate picture of what he has accomplished. It is only fair to say that Pilgrim Fellowship within the churches and the Conference has come about as a well-organized body through his leadership. He has been of assistance to pastors and church school workers in developing a better program of Christian Education. It was as a result of his dreams that the great 800-acre camp site at Cazadero was found, purchased and developed. Probably not less than 5,000 of our people have made use of the camp and found inspiration and Christian guidance. Thirty or more young people have enlisted for full-time Christian service.

Mr. Meyer caught the vision of what young people might accomplish under Student Summer Service work. For a number of years, vacation church schools have been conducted, surveys of new areas have been made, and pulpits of smaller churches have been supplied. He was the one who initiated the Foreign Fruit Project with young people paying their own expenses to pick and process dried fruit that would have otherwise gone to waste, for overseas relief. He was a good team worker and has fitted into the Conference program wherever possible. He has served on interdenominational committees and was president of our Congregational National Directors' Conference. He has served as faculty member, director, and adviser of many youth camps. In recent years he has been sought by other states for it has been generally recognized that our California youth program ranks with the very best in the nation.

He is undertaking the duties of an important church, feeling that the time has come when he should again resume the parish ministry and have more time with his growing family.

CAZADERO SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 9-16 — Central Area High School PF.
June 16-23 — Westbay Area High School PF.
June 23-30 — Eastbay Area High School PF.
June 30-July 7—Redwood Upper Bay High School PF.
July 7-14—First Family Camp.
July 21-28—Camp for Older Adults.
July 28-August 4—Junior High for Westbay, Upper Bay, and Redwood Areas.
August 4-11—Junior High for East-

STATE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The 95th annual meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference will be held at Pilgrim Church, Fresno, beginning at 2:00 Friday afternoon, May 18, and continuing until the close of the afternoon session on Sunday.

As noted in other columns, our two visiting speakers will be Dr. Albert D. Stauffacher of New York and Dr. John A. Reuling of Boston.

The chaplain will be Rev. Philip G. Murray of the Plymouth Church, Oakland.

Facilities make possible the largest banquet we have ever had. The old Civic Auditorium has been taken over. The Federation of Congregational Women will present a little dramatization of the Woman's Gift. The laymen will then take charge, with Herbert Hilker introducing Dr. Reuling, himself a great layman. This will be followed by the gorgeous sound-film, "A Wonderful Life."

Conference speakers will be in the pulpits of the five Fresno Congregational churches.

There will be four Round Table or Panel discussions, each one for the entire Conference instead of having separate group meetings. One will be devoted to Education and Family Life, another to Our Christian World Mission, a third to Evangelism, or Enlistment for Christ, and a fourth to some one phase of Social Action.

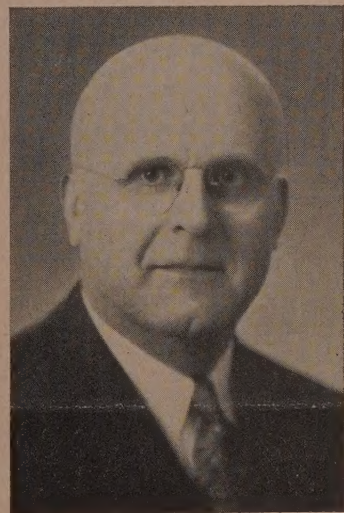
The final session will be a mass meeting in the great Free Cross Church Sunday afternoon, with both Dr. Stauffacher and Dr. Reuling as speakers.

Pilgrim Fellowship will have their own rally on Saturday afternoon, and be introduced at the Saturday night banquet.

All necessary business will be crowded into three sessions of about one hour each.

There will be luncheon for the women and for the men on Saturday noon, with outstanding speakers.

Mrs. Scott Haymond is Moderator. A committee has been assisting her, consisting of Mrs. Holland F. Burr, Mr. Herbert Hilker, and the members of the Conference staff.



"The 'Big Three' in our world today are not atomic bombs, death germs, and supersonic speed. The real 'Big Three' are faith, hope, and love," so says Dr. Albert D. Stauffacher of New York, Minister and Executive Secretary of the Missions Council. Dr. Stauffacher will give three major addresses at the annual meeting of our Conference held in Fresno May 18, 19, and 20. He is well known in California, having been pastor for a number of years at Claremont. He has visited our Conference and at one time our Association meetings. He has kept the truly spiritual and Christian aspects in the forefront of our missionary promotion. Without exception, our ministers and many of our lay people will welcome him for what he has done and for his great friendship.

bay, Central, and San Joaquin Areas.
August 11-18 — Second Family Camp.



Dr. John A. Reuling will bring to the annual meeting of our Conference direct and vivid understanding of one of the great fields of our missionary endeavor, namely, Africa. Dr. Reuling came to his present position as Secretary for Africa from the presidency of Northland College, although prior to that time he had served in Africa. Not long ago he again visited that great continent observing the program of our own American Board. He is a layman, a member of the national committee of our Laymen's Fellowship. Dr. Reuling will be the chief speaker at the great banquet at the Conference and will give two other major addresses.

August 18-25 — Junior Camp for Fifth and Sixth Graders.
August 26-September 5—State PF Camp.
September 5-10 — College Age Camp.

1950 PROGRAM

1950 was a year of progress in our Northern California Congregational Churches. According to figures which have been tabulated for the Congregational Year Book, our churches received a total of 3,270 members, of which 683 were on Confession of Faith. A total of 2,341 members were removed, leaving a net gain of 929, bringing the total to 28,999. (Too bad some church didn't get one more member.) There were 300 deaths and 499 removals by letter, so that it means that about 1,550 were by revision of the roll. That is indeed a very serious loss.

The average church attendance for churches reporting, gained 16. Church School membership again was on the rise, reaching 16,551 or a gain of about 2,500. Membership in young people's societies slipped about 200. Home expenses went up from \$692,000 to \$796,000, or more than the total gifts on benevolence apportionment. The value of church property increased by more than \$1,000,000. This was undoubtedly due in part to re-evaluation.

Two churches received more than 100 members on Confession of Faith—Sacramento Pioneer and Fresno First. The churches that received a total of more than 100 members were Berkeley First, 147; Fresno First, 219; Hayward Eden, 119; Oakland First, 110; Sacramento Pioneer, 164; San Francisco First, 144; and San Mateo, 130. The largest church continues to be the Fresno Free Cross Church with 2,344. Oakland First is second with 1,578, and Berkeley First follows with 1,525. Sacramento Pioneer has 1,332. San Mateo has now gone above the 1,000 mark.

Three new churches were added during the year—Mira Vista, La Selva Beach, and San Francisco St. John's, the total number being 103. Forty-one churches reported vacation church schools, and 16, weekday church schools.

There are 157 ordained Congregational ministers who hold standing in the Conference.

Henry Rust Coming

Rev. Henry Rust, national Director of Youth Work for the Congregational Christian Churches, will be in Northern California the last week in April. He will be meeting with junior high teachers and advisers five evenings during the week and on the weekend will speak at three Pilgrim Fellowship rallies: at San Jose, Saturday evening, April 28; at Sebastopol, Sunday afternoon, April 29; and at Piedmont, Sunday evening, the 29th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr. 22—Laymen's School of Churchmanship, Pioneer Church, Sacramento.
Apr. 29—Laymen's School of Churchmanship, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.
Apr. 30-May 1-2—Spring Session for Federation, Cazadero.
May 18-20—Annual Conference, Pilgrim Church, Fresno.
September 9-12—Conference Planning Meeting, Cazadero.

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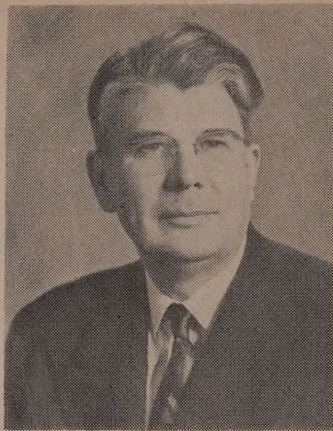
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EASTER ACCESSIONS

Here is a report of new members received in the Easter season by the ministers who reported on postcard to the Pacific. This is not as large a number as were received a year ago, due probably to the early date of Easter and inadequate time for the usual program of enlistment.

	Rec'd on Confession	Total Received
Alameda	5	9
Alturas	6	12
Angels Camp	7	14
Antioch	2	3
Bienicia	2	9
Berkeley, Arlington	25	44
First	27	49
North	8	9
South	15	15
Biola	18	24
Campbell	5	8
Cloverdale	2	5
El Cerrito, Mira Vista	1	1
Elk Grove	14	14
Etna	3	3
Fairfax	13	27
Fernside	5	6
Fresno	34	54
Free Cross	46	56
Japanese	2	3
Pilgrim Armenian	0	3
Zion	0	8
Glen Ellen	1	1
Guerneville	—	9
Hayward	24	35
Kenwood	0	0
Lodi, Ebenezer	14	38
First	8	10
Loomis	39	51
Marunze	—	16
Murphys	0	4
Niles	0	4
Oakland, First	18	2
Japanese	1	8
New Pilgrim	12	18
Plymouth	4	11
Orinda	8	24
Oroville	10	19
Pacific Grove	14	27
Palo Alto	2	20
Paradise	0	6
Pennings	9	9
Petaluma	11	13
Pittsburg	15	20
Pleasant Hill, Hillcrest	4	8
Port Chicago	9	11
Porterville	12	18
Redwood City	7	17
Rio Vista	4	12
Sacramento, Oak Park	1	1
Pioneer	13	51
Sierra Arden	24	40
Salida	9	20
San Carlos	9	5
San Francisco, Calvary Arm.	4	5
Chinese	8	8
First	8	40
Grace United	—	8
Ocean View	3	8
Park Presidio	11	16
St. John's	1	3
Sanger	8	10
San Jose	8	8
San Leandro	—	15
San Mateo	29	53
Santa Cruz	9	19
Santa Rosa	1	5
Saratoga	14	15
Sonoma	16	27
Soquel	5	10
Stockton	7	14
Sunnyvale	2	8
Sunol	12	12
Tulare	8	12
Woodside	6	6
Total	691	1,275



Rev. Ralph V. Conard, who has been pastor of our Alameda Church for 9 years, has accepted the call of the Conference to become pastor-at-large and will begin his duties on May 15. His work will be the serving of pastorless churches and the helping of pastors and churches that for one reason or another are somewhat discouraged and whose program should be strengthened.

Ralph Conard is a son of the manse. His father was a life-long minister of our churches and for a considerable period was in general work for the Sunday School Extension Society and the Congregational Home Missionary Society, working in Minnesota and North Dakota. Ralph graduated from the high school in Marshall, Minnesota, and from Carleton College, although his college course was interrupted by his service in the First World War. He soon became an officer and after training went to France and later to Luxembourg. He obtained an Army YMCA scholarship and spent three months at the University of Edinburgh. In 1920, he entered Graduate School of Economics at Hartford, receiving his M.A. degree, but during this year decided for the ministry and entered Yale Divinity School, from which he received his B.D. degree in 1924. Three of those summers were spent in student pastorates in North Dakota and another on Cape Cod.

Upon graduation, he went to a Home Mission field in Western North Dakota and a year and a half later to Dickinson of the same state and then to Plymouth Church, Fargo. From January, 1935, to the time he came to Alameda, he was pastor of the Pilgrim Church, Seattle. In 1925 he was married to Dorothy Sanjiyan, a graduate student at Yale. Four daughters have been born to them, all of them being well known in our Pilgrim Fellowship group.

The announcement of his acceptance has brought universal expressions of gratitude and enthusiasm. Few men could draw on such rich experience and sympathetic understanding in the helping of our churches as he can. His work will be under the direction of the Conference office, and all requests for his service should come to Superintendent Gill, and all appointments will be made by the office.

CAMPUS RELIGIOUS WEEK

Sponsored by a student committee of 30, representing 16 major organizations, a Religious Emphasis Week was conducted on the San Jose State College campus April 1-4. Miss Barbara Price, who has been a Conference Student Summer Service worker, is vice-president of the State Student Fellowship, and has been a leader in Pilgrim Fellowship, was chairman of



After the first shock of receiving the resignation of Rev. William W. Meyer as Director of Christian Education of the Conference, and after accepting it with appropriate words of appreciation, the Executive Committee of the Conference Board of Directors began to wonder in what direction they could turn for his successor. It was highly important that someone be secured at once and that that person should be acquainted with our Northern California setup, had had experience at Cazadero, and that he be known by the young people of our Pilgrim Fellowship.

Almost instantly the name of Rev. George W. Lindsay came into the mind of every member. He is this year the adviser of the State Pilgrim Fellowship. He has served as director of one of the Midwinter Conferences. He had been on the faculty of several camps. He possesses youth and energy and deep devotion.

Forthwith the staff was authorized in behalf of the Board to present Mr. Lindsay with an urgent invitation to begin work by the 15th of May. After some ten days of consideration he has given his acceptance and has resigned his pastorate of the New Pilgrim Church in Oakland.

George Lindsay was born in Tacoma, Washington, in 1918. He attended the public schools of Portland, Oregon, graduated from Linfield College, Oregon, in 1940, and took another degree a year later at the University of Washington. From 1941 to 1942 he was librarian for the City of Ellensburg, Washington. From 1942 to 1945 he served in the Medical Corps of the United States Army. He graduated, with his Bachelor of Divinity degree, in 1948 from Pacific School of Religion. While studying at the School he was assistant at the Piedmont Community Church and later pastor at Cloverdale. He was ordained in 1948, shortly after becoming pastor of the New Pilgrim Church.

His wife, Marjorie, is as deeply interested in their life calling as is George; in fact, everything that they do is a demonstration of teamwork. At present she serves as Christian Home Secretary of the Federation of Congregational Women. They have three children, Bruce, Ronald, and Kathryn.

this movement. A number of outstanding speakers were heard, including Rev. Howard Thurman of San Francisco, Rev. Stephen Peabody of San Jose, and Rev. Robert Fitch of the Pacific School of Religion. Thus, excellent representation was given of Protestantism, Judaism and Catholicism were also discussed. Religious talks were scheduled in each fraternity and sorority and in other house groups. There

WORK CAMP

During spring vacation 70 young people and leaders spent the week at Spring work Camp at Cazadero.

Most spectacular progress of the week was on the new swimming pool. The plumbing around the pool was finished. The backfill is completed thanks to Mr. William Reiff and his bulldozer. The inside of the pool is now finished with a beautiful blue waterproof "colorcrete," thanks to Mr. Harold Stewart of Hayward.

Other volunteer workers, who put their own room and board for the privilege of working, burned trash, downed timber along the new road, maintained trails and built one new trail, worked on two septic tanks, and gave the camp buildings their usual spring cleaning.

Each afternoon before supper there were "buzz" sessions for the young people, discussing problems of Christian living. Each evening by the campfire there were evening vespers conducted by Rev. William W. Meyer, culminating in the Holy Thursday communion service and a closing Good Friday service.

REV. J. J. BALLENSKY

Rev. James J. Ballensky was born September 17, 1891, at Worms, Russia, and passed away at his home at Dos Palos, California, March 2, 1951. At twelve years of age he came with his parents to America, settling in North Dakota. In 1909 he entered Redfield College Academy and later York College, Nebraska, graduating from this school in 1918 and from Chicago Theological Seminary in 1921. That same year he was ordained to the Christian ministry. He served churches in Nebraska, Colorado, and Montana before coming to the Salem Church at Sanger in our own Conference. His Ministerial Standing was held in the German Congregational Conference. He retired in 1934 and went into business at Dos Palos but was a member of the Biola Congregational Church.

In 1925 he was married to Ella B. Nuss, who has been his devoted companion and helper. Funeral services were held on March 6 in Dos Palos and later in the day at the Free Cross Church at Fresno. The following ministers participated: Rev. Philip Reich, his pastor; Rev. Carl J. Maier, Rev. Edward Hildebrand, Rev. Christian Martin, Rev. J. J. Raugust, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill. He is survived by his wife, by two brothers and two sisters. He was deeply committed to our Christian faith and a fearless champion of its application to social, economic, and international affairs.

ELIZABETH JEAN KINNEAR

The stork, in addition to delivering bundles of joy at other households in our Conference, stopped also at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Kinnear on February 6 with Elizabeth Jean, who weighed in at 6 pounds 9 ounces. The new arrival is growing fast, report the proud parents, and is now all of 11 pounds.

GREGORY THOMAS MICKLE

Gregory Thomas Mickle entered this world at Herrick Memorial Hospital in Berkeley on March 16. He will soon take up his home with his parents and his sister on Fairview Street in Berkeley. His daddy, Rev. John Charles Mickle, is pastor of the South Berkeley Community Church.

was a concert of religious music by five choirs and a banquet for young people of all faiths.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

MODESTO—Since the middle of November and up to the end of March, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Director of Church Extension, gave leadership to this church. During the time an active arch was carried on for a new minister. The Board of Home Missions and the Conference regard the area as "high potential," and have agreed to extend the period of substantial support in order that a new effort be made to establish a strong church. The choice for leadership has fallen upon Rev. Frank B. Loper of Winchendon, Mass. He was introduced to in Northern California by a college classmate, Rev. Philip G. Murray. Mr. Loper visited Modesto and the result was a call, which he has accepted. He will be on the job May first and will bring vigorous and experienced leadership. During the interim the church has still further improved its property and has demonstrated its cohesiveness and consecration.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST—This church certainly put on a program for Holy Week. Rev. William E. McCormack, pastor, preached twice on Palm Sunday, gave meditations at noonday services on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, he conducted the Maundy Thursday communion service, had entire charge of the three-hour service on Good Friday, giving the seven meditations, and preached twice on Easter morning. About 3000 people came and went during the Good Friday service and about 2000 attended the services on Easter morning.

BERKELEY, NORTH—The interior of the church is being greatly improved with the installation of a chancel and beautiful cabinet work. A new carpet is in the offering. The organ pipes have been refinished. The 25th anniversary of the coming of Mrs. H. H. Yost as organist was appropriately and beautifully observed. Rev. Williston Wirt, pastor, has been at a chaplains' conference near Washington, D. C., during the week immediately following Easter. Bruce MacKenzie, student assistant, conducted services on April 1.

BENICIA—Ninety-four people attended the early service and 223 the 11:00 o'clock service on Easter Day. The offerings helped in the benevolence giving of the church. Forty-two were present on Maundy Thursday. Four denominations were represented in the new class of members. A Council was called for April 8 for the ordination of the pastor, Mr. C. T. Gustafson.

PORTERVILLE—Two beautiful Easter services were held. The Junior Choir sang at the first service and the Chancel Choir at the second. A candlelight communion took place on Maundy Thursday. The 4-H Clubs attended service on a recent Sunday and all seats were taken. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is the pastor.

ALAMEDA—This church received the resignation of its pastor, Rev. Ralph V. Conard, with keen regret amounting almost to shock. The church, however, passed a resolution according to his request and wishing him Godspeed. A pulpit committee was set up promptly.

MURPHYS—Rev. Benjamin Smith, retired Disciples minister, has been giving outstanding leadership to this church during the winter. There was a large crowd for the Sunrise Easter Service.

FRESNO, FIRST—Three identical Easter morning services were attended by 1,419 people, not counting 502 children meeting in two sessions of the church school. The total offering was more than \$1,500. On Palm Sunday the Elizabeth Kennedy Minturn Memorial Children's Chapel, complete with pews, organ, stained glass windows, lecturn, and hymnals was dedicated with 16 different dedicatory services held during the day with all departments of the church school and youth activities participating. A special asphalt-paved play area with flood lights now provides basketball, volleyball, badminton, shuffleboard, horse shoes, and ping pong for young people of the church. New black robes with red stoles have been secured for the chancel choir by gifts of members of the church. Rev. John H. Gregg is pastor.

LOOMIS—A new belfry is being erected which will greatly improve the appearance of the building. Rev. Hendrik Martynse always has some project afoot for the betterment of the property and the increase of activities.

LODI, FIRST—The Pilgrim Players presented the Easter drama, "The Terrible Meek," on the evening of Palm Sunday and again Easter Sunday evening. They gave the same play in Sacramento and at Elk Grove during Lent. Five hundred worshippers attended the Sunrise Service in the Lodi Stadium Easter morning. A new brass cross and matching candlesticks were dedicated on Easter Sunday. Rev. A. R. Boone, pastor, attended the Rural Life Conference at Davis on March 27.

MARTINEZ—The very large class of new members on Palm Sunday was the direct result of the vigorous campaign of personal evangelism in which the people of the church have found great joy and spiritual uplift. The church school was honored by a leading article in "Facts From the Field," published by the Missions Council, in which the splendid gifts of the school were reported. Rev. Donald Gaylord is pastor.

EL CERRITO, MIRA VISTA—The Women's Fellowship has purchased a new stove for the new kitchen and 100 additional steel folding chairs. They expect to furnish the kitchen completely. The building is rapidly taking form. Committees are actively soliciting the neighborhood. A large congregation was present at the Youth Center for Easter Sunday. Rev. Gifford Webster is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW—The little church was crowded twice on Easter morning. The time and energy of the whole membership and the pastor, Rev. Karl E. Olson, are devoted to the completion of the building. A dinner was given in honor of Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, who had worked so faithfully to assist this church.

PLEASANT HILL, HILLCREST—Easter attendance twice crowded the little parsonage occupied by Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Carlson. Membership has now reached 110. The church is waiting with eagerness for report from the Congregational Church Building Society meeting on April 16.

PARADISE—A total of 551 attended the two Easter morning services. Rev. Robert M. Kennan, the pastor, baptized twelve infants. Communion service was held on Good Friday evening.

CEDARVILLE - EAGLEVILLE—These two churches held a joint communion service at Eagleville and a joint Good Friday service at Cedarville. There was a Sunrise Service Easter morning and Easter services with good attendance in both churches. At Cedarville the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harris, who had spent the whole 60 years in the Valley, centered in the church. Eight children, 14 grandchildren, and four great grandchildren attended service on March 11 and gathered for dinner in the community hall. A leadership training course for church school workers has been completed. Rev. Charles A. McCalmon carried through the activities of Easter week in spite of illness. As people departed from church on Easter Sunday, they were given a letter of invitation to make the church their spiritual home.

NILES—This church was the scene of a Union Good Friday Service of eight different Protestant churches of Southern Alameda County, with nearly two hundred in attendance throughout the afternoon. The usual overflow crowds filled the church on Easter Sunday.

A substantial gift has provided for new curtains and cyclorama for the stage in the social hall, which are presently being installed. New lawns are being planted to complete the landscaping of the church. The pastor, Rev. A. P. Focht, exchanged pulpits with Rev. Robert Whitaker of Sunol Glen Church the Sunday after Easter.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM—A large class of new members was the result of a Visitation Evangelism campaign conducted by the deacons and deaconesses. New carpeting was laid on the platform and in the aisles, new restrooms have been provided, and a chancel curtain to match the floor covering. The church deeply regrets the resignation of its pastor, Rev. George W. Lindsay, who is to become Christian Education Director of the Conference.

SAN LORENZO—During the illness of the minister, Rev. Homer A. Schwarz, services were conducted by Rev. Hugh Vernon White of Pacific School of Religion. Attendance at the two Easter services totaled close to 1500. For the first time the church is able to pay all past and current obligations and to set aside accumulations for the Annuity Fund, the Church Building Society payments, and adequate insurance.

SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE—A movie projector is being acquired by the church, to be used by the Church School. The Pilgrim Fellowship group shared with that of First Church on the last Sunday evening of February. Rev. B. Y. Leong, pastor, had as his pulpit guest on March 4 the Rev. T. K. Cheu, who was awaiting return passage to China.

SANTA CRUZ—At last the rebuilding of the organ has been completed including a new console. A goal of 100 new members for 1951 has been set by the Membership Committee. Rev. Ed Cunningham, the pastor, has been ill during part of the Lenten season, but Easter was a great triumph with large attendance at both services.

BERKELEY, CHINESE—Dr. Hoh Yam Tong has been granted a license by the Bay Association of Congregational Churches and has been given special authority in ministering sacraments within his parish.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA ARDEN—Twenty-four beautiful new choir robes have been made by the women of the church. The special committee, charged with disbursement of the money given for the repair of flood damages, has decided that the time has now come when the parsonage can be repaired and redecorated. Bids are in for completion of the chancel of the sanctuary and other bids will be in for the new unit of the building. Easter observance had to be spread out over about three Sundays in order to care for the congregations and give the different departments opportunity for expression. Rev. Mary McKee Chester and Rev. Joseph Chester are in charge.

REDWOOD CITY—After two years or more of negotiation, the church is purchasing a three-acre site near the west line of the city limits in an area of tremendous growth. An allocation has been received from the Comity Commission of the Council of Churches. The site is on a 50-foot knoll overlooking a large part of the city. Decision has not yet been made as to whether a branch Sunday School will be provided for or whether the main church will be sold and an entirely new plant erected. Many of the rooms in the old building have been redecorated and made attractive. Six children were baptized during the Easter season by the pastor, Rev. Gale W. Engle.

SAN MATEO—It was necessary to install a public address system for the benefit of several hundred who attended the Easter service by sitting on the lawn, even though there were duplicate services. Rev. William E. McCormack of First Church, San Francisco, was speaker at the Men's Club on March 20. The offering for One Great Time for Sharing was close to \$1,000. Rev. Benton S. Gaskell and Rev. Terence Stoker are the ministers.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON—Attendance, particularly in the church school, is overtaxing the capacity of present facilities. Plans for an addition to the building have been drawn. This will include a children's chapel, an office for the minister, a new library room, and Sunday School classrooms. The Easter offering was set aside toward the building fund. Services were held each night during Holy Week and three times on Easter Sunday. Rev. Godfrey Matthews was preacher during the week. Rev. J. Hood Snavely is the pastor.

SAN RAFAEL—New foundations with brick facing have been installed which will have the effect not only of strengthening the building but adding to its appearance. Rev. Paul Peterson is giving strong leadership. The finances of the church are in excellent shape and attendance much better than for many years. The church is definitely sharing in the missionary program of the denomination.

STOCKTON—This church is offering to bring the entire church service from the eleven o'clock bells to the benediction to shut-ins by means of a tape recorder. Identical services were held at nine and eleven on Easter Sunday, the total attendance being larger than a year ago. Rev. Noel J. Breed is pastor.

SUNOL—Forty were present at the Maundy Thursday Communion Service and a number joined in a Union Good Friday Service at Pleasanton. Ninety-nine people were in church on Easter morning. Rev. Robert B. Whitaker is pastor.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Correspondent

The Annual Meeting of the Federation will be held on April 19 at the Eden Congregational Church in Hayward.

March 15, 1951, was a beautiful day in Oakland for the regular meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women, over which the president, Mrs. W. B. Buckham, presided. In conjunction with it the Women's Rally of the Bay Association was held, resulting in such a large attendance that the afternoon session was moved to the social hall.

Greetings and announcements were given by the president, followed by the introduction of some of the secretaries:

Mrs. Lewis Taylor presented "Names in the News" from the foreign mission fields. Hiroshima, Japan, is being rebuilt as a City of Peace. Robert Grant, of the Doshisha, Japan, notes with great joy that the Japanese are doing all they can for wounded soldiers in Japan and for the Koreans, their enemies a few years ago.

In Turkey, Dorothy Blatter and Edith Putnam note with satisfaction the increase in the demand for and reading of the Bible and other good literature by Moslems. Children and young people need teaching in religion as well as in morals and ethics. Linda Goodsell Blake told of the dedication of Parsons Hall, named for our own Miss Edith Parsons, at the Izmir School for Girls. Mrs. Blake expects to come home in August. Dr. Frank Laubach is at work in Algeria and Morocco and will continue his literacy work in other parts of Africa this year.

Mrs. Charles Ward brought items of interest to Christian citizens. Tom Keehn of the Legislative department of the C.S.A. is going to work with the Foreign Missions Conference and cooperate with the UN on the Point 4 program. The **Legislative Action Service** will be discontinued as a separate publication, but this service will be a part of the new bi-weekly **ADVANCE**, of which we have received the first copies. Beginning with the September, 1950, issue, **Social Action** is discussing "Decisions Christians Face in the World Crisis." These are well worth careful study. One church group has subscribed to **Social Action** for each circle leader. Herman F. Reissig, International Relations secretary, as well as some commentators, such as William Winter, feel we can combat Communism by providing food and help even better than by arms. We can help directly through the Friends Service Committee or UNESCO, and can write to our Congressmen urging grain for the starving millions of India.

Mrs. George Lindsay announced Christian Family Week for May 7 to 13, culminating in Mother's Day. Material for worship during this week is available from her at 5c a copy: "Pages of Power in 1951." Her address is 5432 Ruth Avenue, Oakland. She gave dates for Family Camps at Cazadero (see special announcements) and suggested several good articles in current **Reader's Digest**: "Your Child's Security," "One of the Best Investments I Ever Made," and in **Science Digest**: "Let's Stop Blaming Mom." Following lunch Mrs. Lindsay showed the film, "Family Affair," which was enjoyed. It is available from the Director of Christian Education, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. Your church will enjoy it.

Mrs. J. E. Enman has added the name of Mrs. Stuart LeRoy Anderson to her speakers' list. Get your re-

quests in early, as she is getting many dates either for addresses or book reviews. Mrs. Enman's address is 2405 Derby Street, Berkeley.

Mrs. R. A. Fuller hopes all Congregational women will be counted in the Ecumenical Register of the United Church Women by May 4. The Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches, with offices at 220 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, will take reservations for the M.E.M. Conference at Asilomar. The dates are August 3-8. The study themes will be Micronesia and Latin America and "Churches for Our Country's Need."

Miss Edith Parsons led the worship service, using the Easter theme. She asked, "What would it be like if Jesus suddenly were here again?" And then, using the resurrection story, she reminded us that He is here! He is in our church, not only at Easter but all the time! We need a great faith and then we will have a great peace.

Supt. Harley H. Gill was a welcome guest and spoke of the work of the Conference, both the regular benevolences and the specials such as the Centennial Fund, the Sierra Arden flood relief, the International Christian University of Japan, the One Great Time for Sharing for the Relief and Reconstruction work of Our Christian World Mission, and Church World Service. He told of the fine program being planned for the Conference meeting in Fresno.

The concluding address of the afternoon was given by Mrs. Joseph Moulton, who has represented the American Board in India most of the time since 1918. She spoke of the changes in India since 1945. She was the guest speaker at all of the women's rallies and gave the listeners a wonderful insight into conditions and needs of the people of India. She said if she were speaking from a text she would choose those words from the sixth chapter of Deuteronomy, "When thou shalt have eaten and be full; then beware lest thou forget the Lord." The people of India are hungry as no one of us was ever hungry. They need food for the body and also for their souls.

Important! Coming Events!!

April 19—Annual Meeting of the Federation, Eden Congregational Church, Hayward. Reports, election of officers, speakers: Dr. Vere V. Loper and Dr. Stuart LeRoy Anderson.

April 30, May 1-2—Spring Session, Cazadero. Mrs. Walter Giersbach, Assistant Moderator of the General Council and wife of the president of Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon, will be the featured member of the faculty. Mrs. Scott Haymond is general chairman. A must for presidents and circle leaders. Total cost, \$5.00. Transportation extra.

May 4—May Fellowship Day. Remember the Ecumenical Register!

May 19—Women's Luncheon at the Conference. Dedication of the Woman's Gift. This will be in Fresno.

August 3-8—M.E.M. Conference at Asilomar.

SUISUN—This little church was crowded with 155 people on Easter. Rev. G. A. Larue led in a rededication of the church building on February 25 with the ordination of Mr. Henry Bird to life membership on the Board of Deacons.

Quarter Receipts

	Jan. 11 to Mar. 31, '50	Jan. 11 to Mar. 31, '51
Alameda	\$ 338.34	\$ 442.20
Alturas	40.68	104.51
Angels Camp	43.41	
Antioch		229.75
Auburn	25.00	100.00
Benicia	26.00	95.00
Berkeley, Arlington	282.41	293.91
Chinese	25.07	14.50
First	3,710.93	4,100.25
North	487.55	458.05
Northbrae	400.00	400.00
South	156.62	392.00
Campbell	200.00	254.50
Cedarville	32.10	28.21
Cloverdale	31.38	
Cotati	48.51	39.11
Crockett		67.09
Dinuba		1.00
El Cerrito, Mira Vista	13.38	65.58
Elk Grove	58.66	77.38
Etna	20.17	44.85
Eureka	450.58	300.79
Fairfax	40.80	72.65
Ferndale	129.47	49.60
Fresno, First	1,421.85	1,233.89
Japanese		47.50
Pilgrim Arm		250.00
Glen Ellen	99.50	35.60
Guerneville	126.84	75.00
Hayward	583.38	500.00
Kenwood	33.67	13.60
Lodi, Ebenezer	96.52	
First	708.25	1,072.54
Leleta		5.00
Martinez	277.69	790.36
Modesto	28.14	25.40
Murphys	5.00	
Niles	24.30	
Oakland, First	1,411.27	1,550.00
Japanese		12.00
New Pilgrim	152.90	119.12
Plymouth	226.73	892.53
Orinda	342.83	416.64
Oroville	250.00	351.70
Pacific Grove	35.48	
Palo Alto	1,107.50	1,659.67
Paradise	200.50	194.00
Pennings	18.90	
Pescadero	26.45	
Petaluma	500.00	
Pittsburg	183.46	142.11
Pleasant Hill, Hillcrest		88.87
Porterville	700.00	750.00
Redwood City	674.94	489.39
Ripon	93.82	90.52
Sacramento, First	888.00	750.00
Sierra Arden	37.25	150.00
Salida	3.75	19.25
San Carlos	445.00	470.00
San Francisco		
Beth. Mis. Park	68.15	66.00
Calvary Arm		50.00
Chinese	26.50	13.83
First	718.22	383.47
Ocean View	50.00	61.53
Park Presidio	253.00	233.88
St. John's		28.68
Sanger		43.04
San Jose	560.00	652.52
San Leandro	48.50	120.12
San Lorenzo	17.69	
San Mateo	1,600.00	1,400.00
San Rafael	52.15	
Santa Cruz	547.64	321.49
Santa Rosa	148.23	99.63
Saratoga	268.92	173.84
Sebastopol	219.02	279.99
Sonoma	59.07	92.57

WOODSIDE—Overflow congregations crowded the little church on Easter. Seven children were baptized on Palm Sunday. Plans for some additional Sunday School rooms are out for bids, according to the pastor, Rev. C. H. Hudson.



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Au Revoir

North Congregational Church, Berkeley, and the Conference joined in a reception to Rev. and Mrs. Sidney H. Buckham on March 15. The Buckhams have been members North Church, and a committee that church under the leadership Mrs. Lewis Taylor took charge. very large number of people from that church and of ministers and lay folk of the Conference attended, pressing their regrets upon the departure of the Buckhams and good wishes for their success in the new field of labor. A statement was presented to Dr. Buckham by Rev. Herbert C. Gans, president of the Conference Board of Directors, follows:

"The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Northern California Congregational Conference hereby expresses its appreciation your leadership for ten years of the San Mateo Church, during which time it reached a level of one of our strongest and most influential churches. We record our profound thanks for your service as Director of Church Extension for this Conference for the past four years, in which you have been instrumental in the organizing of several churches, and in the invaluable help which you have given in the Centennial observance and the fund which has been raised. We have rejoiced in the honors conferred upon you by the Pacific School of Religion in the degree of Doctor of Divinity and by the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches in making you its president. We congratulate the First Congregational Church of Boulder, Colorado, in curing you as its pastor, and prayers will follow you that the year ahead may be the richest and most satisfying of your ministry."

JANICE LYNN NORBERG

A new little "twig" on the family tree in the parsonage at Hayward Eden Church has been announced. The name is Janice Lynn. She is quite a bouncing twig, weighing 8 pounds 13 ounces. She arrived on March 1 and the names of her mommy and daddy are Eleanor and Dick Norberg.

Soquel	70.00
Stockton	275.05
Suisun	40.00
Sunnyvale	42.25
Sunol	62.00
Tulare	681.00
Weaverville	37.00
Woodside	44.00
Reno, Nevada	296.70
Pilgrim Fellowship	1,567.00
Miscellaneous	609.94
	823,909.11
	\$26,042

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